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the Readers' response

To the Editor:

I read the message "Straight Talk From a Holiness Father" and truly think it's the best that has come out concerning our young people. Oh, it was wonderful and it blessed my soul.

MRS. C. E. ALLRED, SR.
Thomasville, N. C.

To the Editor:

I read your message "Straight Talk From a Holiness Father," and I don't think I have ever read a sermon I enjoyed better than this one on this subject. I have thought much about our young people and have prayed for wisdom and knowledge to help me to know what to say to help my grandsons. I wish you could put this message into tract-form so it could be handed out for parents and children to read. I do believe they need a deep conviction and to be filled with the Spirit. Thanks for your message.

MRS. ROY BLACKWOOD
Memphis, Tenn.

To the Editor:

For a number of years now I have been reading the Evangel and I sincerely appreciate it in its entirety.

I would like to express my appreciation for the fine editorial, "Cultivate Sincerity," in the January 13 issue. It is one of the finest you have written.

JAMES R. RAY
Overseer of Nebraska
Lincoln, Neb.

To the Editor:

I have been a regular reader of the Evangel for the past 38 years and have always found it to be very instructive as well as spiritually uplifting. There just isn't any other magazine anywhere that could take its place.

I couldn't possibly love the Church of God and not love the official organ of the Church. I think all our editors have done

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a splendid job in making the Evangel a spiritual medium for its readers. It seems each issue gets better. I can hardly wait until it comes each week. If all our pastors read, appreciated and boosted the Evangel, I'm sure our quota would always go over the top.

I have no criticism to offer, only praise.

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To the Editor:

I have just finished reading your editorial "The Peace That Kills." I took the test at the bottom of it. I was stirred to pray to God that I not become too "peaceful" as described in the article.

I must say that the editorial messages grow more heart-searching each time. I am especially reminded of "A Bushel of Heresy," "Beware These Women" and "Four Kinds of Liars." We can do with a lot more heart-searching in these days when we must fight indifference, laxity, and lethargy in our Christian lives. Keep up the good work!

MRS. GEORGE W. AYERS
Portland, Maine

To the Editor:

I have just re-read your editorial "Straight Talk From a Holiness Father" (January 27, 1958) for the third time. It is so good! It is definitely to the point and deserves honest recognition and response by all professed holiness people. To back down from it in any way or detail would be to back down from God Himself. It is most assuredly the need of the hour, not only for our young people but for all of us! I feel you were definitely moved and prompted by His Spirit.

MR. AND MRS. KROHN MYREN
Lemmon, S. Dak.

To the Editor:

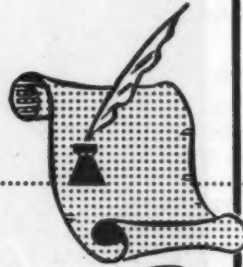
I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for your editorials, especially the one "Straight Talk From a Holiness Father." Brother Edward L. Williams, our pastor, suggested from the pulpit that each of us read your editorial.

I love the Church of God with all my heart, and my desire is to be a better Christian and a better member and to see the Church grow.

MRS. EVELYN CANNON ATKINS
Forth Worth, Texas

The River

of Maturity



The

Editor's Message

JESUS HIMSELF likened our spiritual lives to a river when He said, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Then He in particular applied His saying to the blessing of the Holy Ghost in our lives.

This is a profound utterance from our Lord, one that deserves our careful study and understanding. For this time, however, let us look at only the simple and almost obvious lesson from it. Nothing He could have used is more like the spiritual experience of a man than a river. It is a study in both change and constancy. Nothing else can at the same time change so much and yet change so little.

I know many wonderful persons who fret because things in the Church or in their own lives are not exactly as they were at a former time. However, change is proper and natural when it is a change in form and not in substance. That is the way of the river to which Jesus likened our spirituality; it changes in form but never in substance. A river matures. It grows up. It has a life span, a beginning and a consummation.

Have you ever seen the headwaters of a river, melted snow water dashing in frothy abandon down the mountainsides? The streams splash and cascade like crystal jewels over the rocks down the steep, gurgling joyously as they rush on. Nothing is more spectacular and exciting. It is a bracing experience to see the sparkling streams flow together through rocky crevasses, ever enlarging, increasing their murmuring song. That is the scene of the colorful, babbling, enthusiastic headwaters of a mighty river.

Spectacular as it is, we would not want it to remain like that forever. Too much needs to be done, so God "didst cleave the earth with rivers" (Habakkuk 3:9). The river changes its form as it flows on toward its fulfillment in the boundless sea. It becomes fuller, broader, deeper, slower, quieter, stronger. That is God's will for it. Then it has less beauty but greater power. It

has less dash and sparkle but greater force and purpose. For the good of mankind it carries on its breast the weight of heavy ships; it provides the power that lights cities and creates good; it irrigates broad valleys that the soil might produce food for God's creatures. Perhaps it would have been more exciting in earlier life, but it is tremendously more serviceable and beneficial in its later form.

Whether we like it or not, we change as we mature. The change is useful if it is only in form and not in substance. The water that empties slowly into the sea is the same water that rushed with gurgling delight a thousand miles upstream. Perhaps we will change just as much in our expressions and our reactions and our responses and our understanding, but we must not change in innocence, or holiness, or obedience, or our love for God and man.

As individuals we go through spiritual mutations that are necessary for growing up. Anyone who never grows up is retarded and sick. Little ways that bring delight and cheer to the parents of a two-year-old child, would bring sorrow and grief if the child should continue to do them at ten or fifteen. The only reason they ever brought joy was because they indicated progress, so when they indicate retarding they bring distress.

There is a distinct difference in childlikeness and childishness. We are to hold to one and discard the other. Our lives should and must become more effective as we grow, but they will only do so if we retain our original childlike qualities and leave behind us our childish qualities.

Even as a Church, there are nuances and change as we grow older. In many ways we should never change, in matters of substance or purity. In some, we not only do change but we should.

This is as it should be. A river constantly changes and yet it never changes. That must be our experience until our lives flow into God's boundless eternity.

MOSES — An Example

By Paul L. Walker
State Youth Director, California



(Third sermon in a series of four)

"Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward," Hebrews 11:26.

MOSES HAS STOOD before us in the foregoing treatises as our example in denial and decision. Now this same man, who has denied himself and made an unalterable decision, actually regards and desires the reproach of Christ more remunerative than the treasures in Egypt. It is not enough to merely approach Christ with self-denial and self-decision; there must be the earnest, intent desire of complete discipleship to "esteem the reproach of Christ." Moses denied himself "esteeming." Moses

decided "esteeming." Thus, if we are to follow this example and find the fullness of favor with Christ we must cultivate this basic desire and "esteem" Christ. We must properly appraise Christ; we must properly value Christ; we must appreciate the worth of Christ; we must hold Christ in high regard; we must prize Christ; we must give Christ first place in our lives; we must give Christ complete control of our lives as we desire Him above all else. To follow this example of Moses we must visualize . . .

THE REPROACH OF CHRIST

It has been said that we are living in the age of "falling away." In many senses of the word this is true, for even in the midst of revival and the out-

pouring of the Holy Spirit which we are experiencing, there is an ever-increasing amount of backsliding, growing cold, lack of interest, and instability among the people of God. Today the victory is shouted; tomorrow the blues are pouted. Today the pew is filled; tomorrow the pew is vacated. Today there is dependability; tomorrow there is no one to "fill the gap." Today there is a burden; tomorrow there is barrenness. Today there is vision; tomorrow there is blindness. Today there is revival fire; tomorrow there is lukewarmness. Today there is aspiration; tomorrow there is consternation.

What is the cause of this flexibility? Why should this be so with some of God's people? It is easily summed up in the fact of failing to desire the reproach of Christ. Many desire the blessings but not the blight. Many desire the spirit but not the stigma. Many desire the experience but not the enmity. Many want the glory but not the grace. Many want the wages but not the work. Many like the harvest but not the labor; the reaping, but not the sowing; the reward, but not the battle.

But wait! Here is Moses—our example! He "esteems the reproach of Christ." He desires to bear the blight and fight the battle. See him as he separates himself from the ease and comfort of Pharaoh's court to desire the part of the children of Israel. See him as he numbers himself with the enslaved and the persecuted. See him as he becomes a member of the distrusted, the suspected, and the hated. See Moses as he deletes his place in the society of the great and wise to desire a position with poor men—"slaves, serfs, helots, pariahs, bondservants, oppressed, destitute, afflicted, tormented—laborers in the brick-kiln." Watch our example denounce his influence in the court to bear the mockery and ridicule in the ranks of the slaves. Here is the desire; here is the "esteeming." In spite of it all, Moses "esteemed the reproach of Christ."

This must be the place where we are found today—willing to bear the reproach of Christ, willing to make the break from the world, willing to leave sinful society and former acquaintances, willing to receive the shame and reproach of the Cross, willing to be numbered among the foolish and fanatic, willing to withstand the cruel mockery, cold-shoulder, and chilling association of a godless world. This is the formula for victory—"the reproach of Christ." It was Bishop Ryle who said, "There are few things more powerful than ridicule and scorn. It can do far more than open enmity and persecution. Many a man who would march up to a cannon's mouth, or lead a forlorn hope, or storm a beach, has found it impossible to face the mockery of a few companions, and has flinched from the path of duty to avoid it. To be laughed at! To be made a joke of! To be jested and sneered at! To be reckoned weak and silly! To be thought a fool! There is nothing grand in all this, and many, alas, cannot make up their minds to undergo it!" Where do you stand in these pertinent statements? Have you esteemed the reproach of Christ, or are you numbered among those who make the "falling away"?

Reason cannot fathom the reproach; intellect cannot

comprehend the reproach; study cannot unravel the reproach; science cannot explain the reproach; philosophy cannot reason the reproach; the reproach of Christ can be understood and explained only when one recognizes . . .

THE RESPECT OF REWARD

Marvel not that Moses should esteem, for he had "respect unto the recompense of the reward." Wonder not that Moses should deny himself and make such a paradoxical decision, for he saw with the eye of faith the future of God. Prognosticating the future road of life Moses saw the kingdoms fading, the thrones falling, the riches disintegrating, the names being forgotten, the pleasure fleeing, the reproach but for a season, and the affliction only momentary. Moses had respect unto the reward whereunto he could see and believe the future glory of God far overshadows the present pleasure of sin. His was a respect beyond the superficial glory of this life, beyond the shallow depths of sensuous living, beyond the appetites and desires of the flesh, beyond the tangible gratification of the senses; his was the "respect unto the recompense of the reward."

This was respect based upon belief, for only belief can please God and see into His future reward. While belief pleases God, it is unbelief that thwarts the relationship between man and God. Unbelief shuts the door of heaven, rejects the Word of God, refuses Christ as Saviour, turns a deaf ear to the gospel. Unbelief shortens the arm of God, chills the love of God, stifles the voice of God, and paralyzes the grace of God. Unbelief incurs the penalty of death, kindles the flames of hell, pronounces the judgment of God, and hastens the day of wrath. But when men believe! To the believer are unlimited blessings—"all things are possible to him that believeth." To the believer are answers to prayer—"when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." To the believer is divine sonship—"to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." To the believer is eternal life—"that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." To the believer is power—"he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." Here is the belief that brings respect of the reward. This is the belief that brings the eternal—eternal joy! eternal peace! eternal salvation! eternal heaven!—"the respect unto the recompense of the reward."

O believer today! Look through the telescope of faith! See the respect of the reward. Find your place in the reproach of Christ and gain the respect of the reward. See the paradox of Christ in the respect of reward as found in 2 Corinthians 6. The respect of the reward is found in being . . .

UNKNOWN AND YET KNOWN

Unknown by the unwashed masses, unknown by the unregenerate, unknown by the worldly; and yet known
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PROFITABLE Days at Convention

PRESENT CHRIST TO THE Nation," the theme for the National Sunday School Convention, which convened in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 28 through November 1, seemed to echo and re-echo throughout the Civic Auditorium.

The theme song written by Wayne A. Webb and sung by thousands of Sunday School enthusiasts is a challenge to all Spirit-filled Sunday School workers. The words of this chorus are:

*"Present Christ to the nation,
For He is the need of the land;
Present Christ to the nation,
For sin is rampant on every hand.
The Saviour died and rose from the grave;
The work is done, He is mighty to save!
By lip and life, through storm and strife,
May we present Christ to the nation."*

A general air of excitement and expectancy settled over the congregation in the very first service of the convention. Many voiced the sentiment they had never attended a Sunday School convention where so many persons seemed thrilled over the opportunity of attending the services and workshops. Of course, this has been true in every convention I have attended.

Dr. Edward Simpson, President of the National Sunday School Association, gave the opening message "Five Minutes on a Satellite." Be sure to read this message published in December *Lighted Pathway*. Dr. Simpson is a great speaker and you would have to hear him personally to really appreciate him.

This year there were three kinds of conferences at the N.S.S.A. To distinguish between them, they were called workshops, institutes, and seminars. The workshops were one-session classes, the institutes three sessions, and the seminars five sessions.

Dr. Frances Simpson, wife of the president, taught the institute for Junior Department. This lady is one of the most interesting teachers I have ever heard. She emphasized how the Junior is teachable, loveable, unpredictable, and moldable. She pointed out that "good instruction and bad example is like beckoning the children with the head toward heaven, and taking them by the hand and leading them to hell."

Dr. Simpson teaches the importance of dealing with each boy and girl individually concerning his soul salvation. She underlined the wonderful opportunity for each teacher to lay the wood foundation for soul salvation. "But," said she, "it takes the Holy Spirit to set fire to the wood."

Another important thing this teacher stressed is to teach the whole meaning of any Scripture verse chosen. It is always good to surround the passage with live activities so the child can use it. Too, the wise teacher will endeavor to relate the Scripture verse to the child's individual need.

The four and one-half hours spent in this institute class were invaluable, as well as the class work in Bible geography, handicrafts, and special days activities.

The Reverend Bert Webb, in his message, emphasized the importance of following a pattern, illustrating his point by telling a story from his own life. As youngsters on the farm, his father often sent him and a brother out to saw wood. The father always gave them a measuring stick to follow, so they would saw the wood the length needed. On one of these occasions the boys decided they need not pick up the same measuring stick each time and began using the last stick sawed. The father chanced to come by about the middle of the afternoon. It did not take him long to discover they were sawing the sticks too long. As the result they had to do part of their work over.

In like manner, many of us try to measure our lives by the way others live. The safest way is to follow the Bible pattern. If we follow God's plan, we need not be disappointed. Men make mistakes, but the Lord never does.

Every reader would have enjoyed the object lesson given during one of the devotional services. In this lesson the speaker pointed out the different ways of dropping the offering into the plate. He illustrated it by the manner in which the widow gave her two mites. The widow very likely felt ashamed of her small offering and slipped it in quietly.

Actually, this is the way the Bible tells us to give. "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," Matthew 6:1, 3.

Dr. Henrietta Mears' message on "Trained, Equipped, Ready" proved to be one of the most interesting given. That is really saying a lot, for every speaker seemed to be at his best. In fact, every day at the convention was packed full of good things. We could all truthfully say with Peter, "It is good for us to be here." Every pastor, Sunday School superintendent and teacher should attend these conventions.

By Geneva Carroll

Editor, Junior Sunday School Literature

NSSA Convention Well Attended by Church of God Delegates

THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was filled with friendly greetings and a real Christlike spirit of fellowship on the morning of October 30. Representatives from every major Protestant denomination and forty states were registering to take part in seventy-seven different workshops, institutes, and seminars to be conducted during the National Sunday School Association Convention. Registration soared until it reached the largest registration of any previous NSSA Convention. Of this number, seventy-two were Church of God delegates. This is the largest number of registered Church of God delegates to any convention of the National Sunday School Association since its beginning in 1945.

The National Sunday School Association is an interdenominational, evangelical, Sunday School service agency.

Actively participating in the convention were the Reverend O. W. Polen, National Sunday School and Youth Director; the Reverend Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God publications; and the Reverend Cecil B. Knight, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director.

Brother Conn is a member of the Board of Directors of NSSA and this year served as chairman of the nominating committee. As a member denomination, the Church of God is entitled to three representatives on the NSSA general council. Brother Conn is the denomination representative, Brother Polen is the Sunday School representative, and Brother E. C. Thomas, Business Manager of the Publishing House, is the Publishing House representative.

The prominent center of interest between sessions of the convention was the exhibit area. Attractive displays of Sunday School literature, supplies, and other materials of interest to Christian workers make up the exhibits. An excellent response was received from our display which provided free samples of our Sunday School literature and Sunday School and Youth Department materials. Bernard Dixon, Promotion and Sales Manager of the Publishing House, was in charge of this booth.

Brother Polen conducted a workshop on "Enlisting and Developing Leadership in the Local Church." Approximately 300 attentive delegates attended this workshop session.

Brother Polen was also selected as one of six panelists to serve on a question and answer panel to answer questions on Sunday School which were found in the question box. The question box was placed near the entrance of the auditorium and all delegates were

By Bernice Stout

Associate Editor of "Pilot"

invited to put in their questions concerning the Sunday School.

Also, for the third consecutive year, Brother Polen was elected to serve as chairman of the Denominational Sunday School Secretaries sessions which was held the second week in January at NSSA headquarters in Chicago. At this meeting the denominational Sunday School leaders exchanged ideas and discussed better and more effective ways of promoting Sunday School work.

Brother Cecil Knight participated in laying the groundwork for the new youth camp commission which will be officially organized at the next NSSA Convention. He also served as a member of a panel of ten Sunday School leaders who participated in a new discussion activity known as "brainstorming." The panel presented Sunday School improvement suggestions in machine-gun style. They came up with 138 suggestions in a twelve-minute period.

The Church of God delegates enjoyed a luncheon during the noon hour of the second day's session at the Grand Rapids Y.M.C.A. Nearly fifty delegates enjoyed this luncheon and time of fellowship. The Reverend Gunnar Hoglund, Chairman of the Youth Commission of NSSA and National Youth Director of the Baptist General Conference, Chicago, Illinois, was guest speaker. The Reverend Mr. Hoglund sincerely has the work of the youth upon his heart. All were challenged to a greater service unto youth through his message.

The people representing Headquarters, in addition to those previously mentioned, were Bernice Stout, Associate Editor of the *Pilot*, and Geneva Carroll, Editor of Junior Sunday School literature.

The Church of God was also represented by church delegates in the Los Angeles Convention, the twin of the Grand Rapids Convention. Representing General Headquarters in this meeting were O. W. Polen and H. Bernard Dixon. Also in attendance were the state overseer and the state Sunday School and youth director of California, as well as a number of pastors and Sunday School and youth workers.

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Personal Soul-winning

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. . . . And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach (or make disciples of) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," Matthew 28:16, 18-20.

LUKE 24:50 TELLS US that Jesus led His disciples as far as to Bethany and Mark 11:1 says Bethany is at the Mount of Olives. The Mount of Olives is about two miles east of Jerusalem and intimately connected with some of the gravest events of the history of the life of Christ. Here we find Jesus with His disciples on the eve of His departure giving them the great commission to evangelize the nations of the world.

A nation is a body of people marked off by common descent, language, or culture. Therefore, if the nations are to be reached it must begin with the individual and that is the basis of personal soul-winning, to reach and evangelize the world in this generation through personal contact of individuals with individuals using the "each-one-teach-one" method.

Jesus, in His earthly ministry, began to reach the Jewish nation through personal contact by witnessing to the individual Jew. In Matthew 4:18, we find Him dealing with Peter and Andrew; and in verse 21, "going on . . . he saw other two" whom He also called. In Matthew 9:9, as He passed by the receipt of customs He called Matthew, the customs officer. In John 1:43, as He went into Galilee He saw Phillip; to him also He gave the plan of salvation. Phillip immediately caught the vision of personal soul-winning, witnessed to Nathanael and brought him to Christ. So we find He reached the Jews as a nation by first dealing with the individuals.

In the text we find the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, and Jesus said unto them, "Go ye therefore, and teach. . . ." The Greek word for disciples means "a learner; pupil; one who believes and adheres to the doctrine of another." Jesus, the Master Teacher, having taught His disciples (pupils), told them to go and make other disciples of all nations by teaching them all the things He has taught them, and His spirit would be with them always.

Jesus gave us salvation not only that we might become heirs of the kingdom of heaven, but also that we might witness to others that they also might come into the knowledge of the truth. They, in turn, are to witness to someone else, who also would witness until a chain is formed encircling the globe. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" is the striking challenge of Jesus found in Matthew 24:14. The duty of every Christian is to witness, not only at home but also in foreign lands; if he cannot go, his duty is to send someone.

THERE ARE THREE AGENTS employed in soul-winning; namely, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the human instrument. Romans 10:13-15, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Here we find the three agents at work. How shall they hear—hear what? Verse 8 says "the word." The sinner can learn of Jesus only through the hearing of His Word. But how shall they hear is another question. The answer is, only through the soul-winner witnessing for Christ. But how shall they witness except they be sent? Here comes another important question—sent by whom? The soul-winner must be called by the Lord Jesus Christ, then sent forth by the Holy Ghost and the body of believing Christians and kept before the throne of grace by the body of Christians who continually make supplication and prayers for them to God.

Here is why many of the churches of today are failing to reach the lost and dying in sin. They have been depending on their colleges and board of directors to send ministers. Many of them have been sent forth only by such colleges and boards and have never been sent forth by the Holy Spirit. Employing only two of the agents, the Word and the human instrument, produces a social and intellectual gospel, appealing to the emotions and intellect of a depraved humanity, but leaving the heart unregenerated. To produce genuine conviction the witnessing must be guided by the Holy Spirit.

THE SOUL-WINNER'S PREPARATION

There are three definite steps of preparation for the

By Osmond Wolfe

Missionary to British Honduras

soul-winner. First, he must know Christ. Second, he must know the Word of God. Third, he must be inspired by the Holy Spirit. The soul-winner must know Christ in order to be His witness because he is a personal representative of Christ on earth. He must know Him in order to emulate His example, asking himself the question, "What would Jesus do if He were here?" Third, he must know Him to be able to be identified with His passion. He must possess the mind of Christ and love as He loved. 1 Corinthians 2:16, "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he might instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

The soul-winner must know the Word in order to rightly divide it. 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Studying the Word systematically and consistently will develop the soul-winner's spiritual life and give him a clearer understanding of spiritual truth. The soul-winner who has equipped himself with the Word is able to speak with confidence and authority and will be influential and efficient in witnessing. He should, therefore, approach the study of the Word prayerfully and with an open heart, endeavoring to memorize all the important Scriptures pertaining to the plan of salvation, and pray for wisdom. James 1:5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

The Holy Spirit gives power for witnessing. Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The soul-winner should, therefore, seek the aid of the Holy Spirit in witnessing to produce conviction through the Word and his testimony. He should also seek the aid of the Holy Spirit to bring to his memory the right Scripture for every individual approach, praying in his heart as he speaks and psychologizing the individual by watching the expression of his face. As there are no two individuals exactly alike, although they may have the same problems, the soul-winner should know to vary his approach as he is led by the Holy Spirit; always keeping in mind that the sons of God are led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14).

METHODS OF APPROACH

There is no circumscribed method of witnessing, as

there are various ways in which Jesus, His disciples, and the early Church witnessed, but at the same time every opportunity to witness was grasped by all of them.

In John 4:7 we find Jesus witnessing to one woman who came to a well to draw water. In Luke 24:13-15, we find Him with two men walking along the road; their hearts burned within them as He opened the Scriptures to them. In Matthew 4:18-21, He witnessed to two men by the seaside while they mended their nets. In Mark we find Him witnessing at a funeral procession. Luke tells us that while at the dinner table of a Pharisee, He witnessed to them and told them that He did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, for they that are whole need not a physician. He witnessed in the Temple, in the synagogue, and on the mountainside.

You may say that sounds all right, but isn't it silly to preach on the street? Perhaps it does sound silly, but the Bible states, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. . . . But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, . . . and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence," 1 Corinthians 1:21, 27-29.

In Matthew 10:7, we find Jesus sending His disciples out to witness. He said to them, "And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Short sermon, isn't it? They were to preach as they went. Today when we speak of preaching we think in terms of a minister in a pulpit, but the Greek word which is translated preach in this text of Scripture meant to herald, proclaim or publish. So when Jesus sent His disciples He told them to go, and as they were going, to cry out saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand, repent, and believe the gospel." That sounds like preaching on the street, doesn't it?

From this we see that Jesus Himself believed in street invasion and taught it to His disciples. Turning to Luke 14:21 we find another beautiful lesson on street invasion taught by our Lord. "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." After the servants returned with those to whom they witnessed, they said, "Lord . . . yet there is room." The Master told them to go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. Are the churches doing that today? You know the answer for yourself.

In Acts 2:46 we find the early Church moving out with great success, but what was their method? They went from house to house, consistently witnessing to every one. The result was that the Lord added daily. My friends, personal soul-winning is the divine plan of God to reach and evangelize the nations in this generation. Have you joined the ranks to win a dying world for Christ? If not, why not?

MOSES—AN EXAMPLE

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by God, known by Christ, known by the angels, known by the Book of Life, known in heaven. This is your reward.

Dying and behold we live—dying to sin, dying to self, dying to the world. Behold! we live anew, born from above, adopted into His family, heirs of God, joint-heirs of Christ, recipients of His promises, we live eternally. This is the reward.

Chastened and not killed—Chastened by reproach, chastened in scorn, chastened in persecution, chastened by mockery, and yet not killed. No death for the righteous, for death hath lost her sting; the grave hath lost her victory; we die daily in a chastening world, but we live, not killed, in the righteousness of Christ and the future glory of His immortality when "we shall see him as he is." This is the reward.

"As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." This is "the respect unto the recompence of the reward."

Hear O man of God! Have you the desire? Have you the esteem? Again in the language of Ryle: "Now are you making any sacrifices? Does your religion cost you anything? . . . Is there any cross in your Christianity? Are there any sharp corners in your religion, anything that ever jars and comes in collision with the earthly-mindedness around you? Or is all smooth and rounded-off, and comfortably fitted into custom and fashion? Do you know anything of the afflictions of the gospel? Is your faith and practice ever a subject of scorn and reproach? Are you thought a fool by anyone because of your soul? Have you heartily joined the people of God? Are you venturing all on Christ? Search and see." Yes, search and follow Moses in his example of desire by "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward."



NSSA CONVENTION WELL ATTENDED BY CHURCH OF GOD DELEGATES

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The fellowship with Christians of other denominations is wonderful in this type of meeting. Their consecrated lives and their interest in human souls are outstanding.

"Present Christ to the Nation," the convention theme, was strongly emphasized in every service. Doctor Clate Risley, NSSA Executive Secretary, and his staff had prepared an excellent program with strong spiritual emphasis in every session. Teachers in the classroom emphasized the need of the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our work for God. Outstanding messages were delivered each night by great men of God, namely; Dr. Robert Cook, Youth for Christ and Vice-president of Scripture Press; the Reverend Norman S. Townsend, pastor of Quidnessett Baptist Church, E.

Greenwich, Rhode Island; and the Reverend Philip Arthur Gagliardi, pastor, Calvary Temple, British Columbia.

Des Moines, Iowa, has been chosen as the place of the NSSA Convention next year. If the Lord delays His coming, we trust that this convention will have an even greater representation of the Church of God.



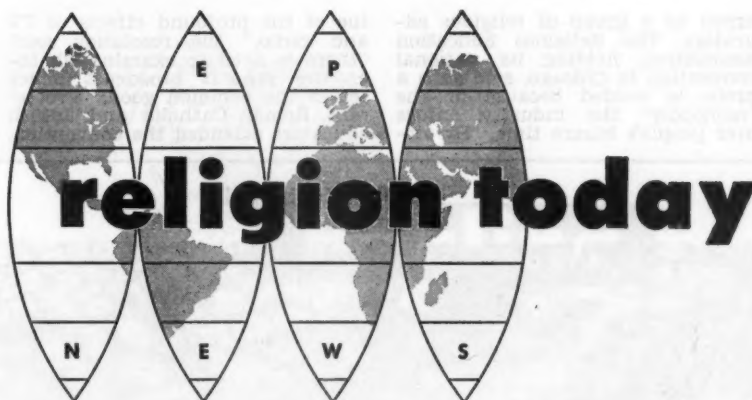
A "world" men's fellowship breakfast, Saturday morning, September 20, 1958, will be one of the highlights of the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches, which will meet in the Canadian National Exhibition Park, Toronto, Canada, from September 14-21.

The Honorable Philip Gagliardi, Minister of Highways of British Columbia, will be the main speaker at the men's breakfast, which will be attended by men from more than 30 nations. The colorful British Columbia legislator has the unique distinction of being the first person of pure Italian ancestry to achieve cabinet rank in Canada. Despite his heavy governmental duties—his department administers more than \$80,000,000 per year chiefly on highway construction—he ministers week ends in Calvary Temple, Kamloops, B.C., where he has pastored since 1944, and records radio services which are broadcast daily on a chain of British Columbia radio stations.

He apparently thrives in his dual role of minister of the gospel and a minister of the British crown. He is frequently in demand as a convention speaker in both secular and religious gatherings. A leader who has a practical approach, he has seen the Sunday Schools in the Kamloops Church grow from 250 in 1944 to 700 in a city of only 12,000 in a sparsely settled ranching area, in a trading zone of 33,000, with its full quota of churches of all denominations.

The Reverend James Montgomery of Toronto, director of the men's fellowship department of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, host to the world conference, will be chairman of the breakfast meeting. Mr. Montgomery is a native of Portadown, Northern Ireland.

I am now available for revivals. I have my own house trailer and am willing to go anywhere, regardless of finance, as I am supported by my husband. You may contact me at the following address: Sister S. Marjorie Nessler, 2121 Deerfield Place, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.



Divorce Question Causing Much Agitation in Church of England

Considerable agitation has been stirred up in the Church of England over the rights of parish priests to remarry divorced persons. Reporting on the situation for *The Lutheran*, Vernon Frazier declares that present regulations state that remarriage after divorce during the lifetime of a former partner is a "departure from the true principle of marriage . . . and the Church should not allow the use of that service in the case of anyone who has a former partner still living." The regulations also provide that anyone remarried after divorce may be admitted to the holy communion only after special permission by the bishop.

Referring to these requirements at the convocation of Canterbury, the Archbishop said that "clergymen who disobey it do so at their own spiritual peril." In a church where many parish priests do, in fact, remarry divorced people, the term "spiritual peril" caused great controversy.

Canon Bryan Green, rector of Birmingham and a well-known evangelist, wrote that the Archbishop's statement "seems to be nearer to the idea of an infallible corporate spiritual authority within the Church of England on the lines of Roman papal infallibility, than to agree with Anglican discipline and practice since the Reformation."

Evangelical Association to Hold Annual Conclave in Chicago—Billy Graham Featured Speaker

"Christ in You, the Hope of Glory" is the theme of the 1958 con-

vention of the National Association of Evangelicals to be held in Chicago, April 14-18.

Dr. Billy Graham will be a featured speaker.

Under the guidance of Dr. Fredrick C. Fowler, convention chairman, the meetings will carry out the theme with a threefold emphasis on prayer, fellowship and inspiration. Due to the advances made by the association, the con-

vention is being extended to include an additional half-day of meetings.

Along with Billy Graham, other well-known Christian leaders are to be featured speakers at the convention. Dr. Robert G. Lee will speak in the evening on the subject "The Christian Believes in the Necessity of the New Birth." Other evening speakers will be Dr. J. Wilbur Smith and Dr. Harold John Ockenga.

Services of inspiration will include keynote messages by NAE President Paul P. Petticoord on "True Ecumenicity," Dr. Stephen Paine on "The NAE and the NCC" and Dr. Albert J. Linsey on "True Social Action."

Morning devotional sessions will be highlighted by messages from Drs. Herbert S. Mekeel, J. Edwin Orr, V. R. Edman and R. L. Decker.

Two nights of prayer are planned under the leadership of the Rev. Armin Gesswein, chairman of the NAE Spiritual Life Commission. Fellowship hours are also scheduled to provide opportunities for delegates to become acquainted.

Special attraction of the convention will be a song and story hour each day with stories told by Mrs. Ethel Barrett, well-known storyteller.

WELLS ON BETHLEHEM ROAD



"With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). Photo shows a well on the road to Bethlehem.

Grant Given to Berea College by Ford Foundation

Announcement has been made by the Ford Foundation of a grant for \$250,000 to Berea College in Kentucky for the purpose of making a region-wide study of conditions in the Appalachian Mountains. Headquarters of the study will be at Berea College, which for 103 years has been dedicated to the mountain people.

A committee of nineteen has been set up to make the study. This committee includes one official representative of Berea College, one representative of the Council of the Southern Mountains, one representative of each of ten denominations in the mountain region, and seven members elected at large. This committee is incorporated under the laws of Kentucky. Dr. W. D. Weatherford, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of Berea College, has been elected chairman.

Seventeen areas of study have been blocked out, including economics, industrialization, health, education, religion, etc. A central staff of four workers will direct the study—including Dr. Weatherford of Berea, Director of Administration; Dr. Howard Beers of the University of Kentucky, Director of General Research; Dr. Earl Brewer of Emory University, Director of Religious Research; and Rupert Vance of the University of North Carolina, Research Consultant. This staff will be assisted by a representative from each of the seven state universities located in the Southern Appalachian region. Also there will be fourteen field workers from the state universities who are graduate candidates for the Ph.D. The study will probably take from two to two-and-a-half years of time, and full reports will be published in a volume. In addition, a number of monographs published in rather large numbers will be prepared on individual aspects of the study. These will be used in implementing the results of the study.

The purpose of the whole study will be to assemble adequate, accurate and comparable facts on which the various agencies working in the mountains may base a forward-looking and advanced program. The condition and needs of the churches will be a central element in this study.

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Congressional Probe of Broadcasting Industry Urged

A Congressional investigation of the broadcasting industry to determine whether it is fulfilling its moral and legal responsibilities was

urged by a group of religious educators. The Religious Education Association, holding its national convention in Chicago, said such a probe is needed because of the "monopoly" the industry enjoys over people's leisure time. "By vir-

tue of the profound effects of TV and radio," the resolution said, "there is need to examine whether the present broadcast policy serves the common good." Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish educators attended the convention.

POOL OF GIBEON



JERUSALEM—At the bottom of this 33-ft. pit an American archaeological expedition discovered the Pool of Gibeon, a Biblical well some 2,500 years old. The subterranean well was reached by 79 steps which lined part of the limestone pit. Photo shows workmen removing debris by basket while others descend the spiral stairs. The well was found in uncovering the buried city of Gibeon in Jordan, eight miles north of here. Gibeon is mentioned 43 times in the Bible, and the pool is referred to in the second book of Samuel as the scene of the battle between the rival houses of David and Saul. Sponsoring the expedition were the University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California.



healing

Healed by Influence of "Evangel"

PITTSBURG, Kans.—I am so glad that I'm serving a friend like Jesus. He is my healer. God will always heal when we go to Him in faith believing. God healed me this week of an affliction which I've had for years. One night while I was suffering the *Evangel* came before me. I prayed and laid the *Evangel* upon me; I laid on the *Evangel* all night. I promised God if He would hear my prayer and heal me, I would testify of it through the *Evangel*. Praise God, I'm healed. Jesus is my Friend and I love Him with all my heart. Pray that I will be a blessing to someone.

—Mrs. Dorothy Bolte

Growth on Hand Healed

MINOT, N. Dak.—To the glory of God I want to give my testimony of divine healing. First of all, the Lord saved me when I was blinded in sin. I truly experienced this as the Bible says: "old things are passed away and all things are become new." I had the sweet peace of God that passeth all understanding.

I had a growth on my wrist which caused me a great deal of trouble. I had it for 13 years. When we had family devotion in our home, my oldest girl, 5 years old, would always pray, "God, take Mama's bone away." When she got up from her knees she came to me and took my hand and said, "Mama, your bone is getting smaller." Her faith was so strong she could see the growth disappearing. It wasn't long until the growth had disappeared.

The Lord also healed me of ulcers. I had been sick for some time and finally went to a doctor to have a check-up. He said it was ulcers and gave me some medicine and told me to diet, (mostly milk and cream). After a few days an evangelist who preached divine healing came to our town, and I was prayed for. When I came home I started eating meat and potatoes and anything I wanted. I wasn't healed instantly, but I had thrown the medicine away and when the

symptoms came back, I pleaded the blood and stood on the promise of God. After awhile I felt in my body I was healed. I went to Rochester for a check-up and had an X ray taken of my stomach and they found a healed ulcer. I would advise every suffering one to go to Christ. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

—Mrs. Ida Stensland

Prayer Answered in Behalf of Family

HOMERVILLE, Ga.—I want to give my testimony and thank God for hearing and answering prayer in my behalf. I thank Him for His healing power, His saving grace and His great wonderful helping hand to all.

My boy was dying with cancer of the lungs; his blood was down to 50 and he was very pale. We took him to the hospital, and the doctors said they would give him just a short time to live. I was fasting and praying and asking everyone I could to pray for him. Glory to God, the last time he went back to the doctor for a check up, he said he was getting along just fine, and that his lungs were clearing up and his blood is all right. He is going to school every day. Praise the Lord.

Last Friday night my seven-year-old boy got shot through the

stomach with a 22 rifle. The doctors thought they would have to operate as he was very pale and weak. They gave him blood and fed him through his veins. I called Brother J. B. Roberson, our pastor, to pray for him; I was fasting and praying, too. The Lord came to our rescue and healed him. We brought him home from the hospital and he is doing fine. Glory to God for healing me of side trouble and other ailments. I want to stand true to Jesus and bring up my children to fear God. I want to make heaven my home. Praise the Lord for saving my married daughter; pray for her to stand true to the Lord. Pray for her girl who is sick. I have several special requests and I ask every child of God to pray about them for deliverance and victory in Jesus our all.

—Mrs. Sam Cook

Husband Healed of Afflictions

CUMBERLAND, Ky.—I want to thank God for His wonderful healing power and His mercy and goodness. Truly God is a good God. I thank God for healing my husband of 3 different things one night. Our pastor, the Reverend Bobby Williams, called the sick to be prayed for and said he believed someone would be healed that night. My husband said he knew that it was he as he had stomach trouble and asthma; he also had rock dust on his lungs, which is a deadly killer if God doesn't move. He asked me to write to the *Evangel* and tell about his healing. God has also touched my body with His wonderful healing power. I have been healed of heart trouble, sinus trouble and a pain in my face. Now the doctors think I have cancer. I believe God will heal me of that, too, so pray for me that I will always be faithful and true to my wonderful, loving Jesus.

—Sister Clara Sanders



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Good Reports Noted From Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — I would like to tell a little about the Haitian work since the blessings of God have been multiplied toward us. When at last the long tropic summer was over, although there was not much change in temperature, there was a refreshing change in the routine of things here at our missions headquarters when the students began to return in preparation for the second school term. All except one of those who had finished the term last year were back, and there were ten new students, making twenty-five in all. All the old students had been busy in the Lord's work in one way or another. There had been vacation Bible schools with good results and several outstanding revivals. The students' testimonies at a social gathering at the Beatty house were an inspiration to all. The inspiration did not die either, but was carried over into an eagerness to learn in the classroom. As a teacher of two classes a week, I never failed to come away inspired by their attitude and feeling my own unworthiness as a missionary.

The recent Christmas holidays have provided a time of blessing and mental refreshing. We were well blessed materially. We can never begin to express our appreciation for the gifts and remembrances that we received from family and friends, missions clubs, Sunday School classes, the Missions Board, and the General Headquarters. I must not neglect to say right here that we certainly thank God for the individuals and churches who had previously sent offerings to help out in the loss we suffered when our house was robbed last August. God, through them, has abundantly supplied our needs. The holidays were a time of spiritual blessing, too. One Sunday we drove to a church about twenty miles out, the Cabaret Church, and enjoyed a good spiritual service. The pastor, a student here, preached on the subject of the Holy Ghost. Brother Coleman and I rejoiced that we were able at

last to understand most of what was said in Creole, and the message itself stirred our hearts.

To climax the blessings of the Christmas season we were pleasantly surprised to have a visit from Brother Paul H. Walker, our Executive Secretary, and were privileged to hear him speak twice at local churches. Our enjoyment of these sermons was heightened by the fact that they were in our own language, which we seldom hear from the pulpit. There is, however, something still more marvelous and wonderful that I must tell about because it was the direct work of the Holy Ghost, our Comforter and Teacher and our great source of inspiration.

At the first chapel service of this semester of school we were privileged to have Sister Ruth Specter, a converted Jewess visiting her brother in Haiti, to speak to us. She chose the Passover as her subject. All hearts were blessed and edified by her moving portrayal of the rites and customs of the Jews that typified the sufferings of our Saviour. At the end of her message there was a spirit of praise and quiet rejoicing. As we were all standing praising God together, a student, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, began to speak in other tongues. I thought I recognized the voice, so I opened my eyes to make sure who it was, because he was praising the Lord in perfect English! The miracle of the Day of Pentecost had been repeated in our midst (Acts 2:6). Surely it was a special blessing from God for us who heard and understood, to strengthen our faith. The miracle of it cannot be doubted, either, because this student can barely read a few English sentences in the beginning English class that I teach. But in the Spirit he spoke it fluently, without an accent. Brother Coleman was standing next to him and verifies what I have written.

The work that is here for us to do presents a great challenge. We ask the prayers of the Church that we may be efficient, effective and empowered witnesses; so that in the future, if the Lord tarries, there will be many Haitian souls

brought to God through our efforts who will testify to the glory of God. "... We do hear them speak in our tongues (Creole and French) the wonderful works of God."

—Mrs. Warren E. Coleman
Missionary to Haiti

Georgia Day at Lee College

Friday, December 6, was the first annual Georgia Day ever to be held on the Lee College campus.

Approximately 230 visitors from the State visited Lee for the big event, and more than half of this number remained for the banquet which was held at 7:30 that evening.

The purpose of Georgia Day was to give interested, prospective students from Georgia a chance to become acquainted with the school and its activities. To do this, they attended a specially-planned chapel program that morning at which the band played and W. C. Swilley, Youth Director of Georgia, spoke. Then lunch was served in the Lee Dining Hall. After lunch the visitors were given chances to visit in the classrooms and be a part of the student body. They visited the band at its practice, the mixed choir at its rehearsal and other classes such as algebra, psychology, English and Bible study.

At the banquet that night, everyone enjoyed the program, which followed through with the theme, "Tea for Two." Robert Stevens, one of the Lee faculty members who is a native of Georgia, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Roosevelt Miller, the school's voice teacher, sang two solos; Sabord Woods, a Jesup, Georgia, student, played a piano solo; a trio consisting of Audrey Carter (Alma, Georgia), Jo Casey (Rome, Georgia), and June Maner sang two numbers; and Dorcas Headley, English instructor, gave a reading.

Marie Phillips (Atlanta), Nina Robinson (Homerville), and Eugene Wood (originally from Douglas) served as a welcoming committee to greet the Georgians.

State Club President is J. C. Gaston, Vice-President is Gene Spivey, Secretary is Barbara McCoy, and Treasurer is Audrey Carter. Other Georgia students are Jerry Appling, JoAnn Aycock, Bobby Bagley, Frank Butler, David Cavin, Robert Dawkins, Watson Horne, Elena Keener, Don Paulk, Glenda Peterson, Marie Phillips, Nina Robinson, Charles Sloan, Levi Spell and Sabord Woods.

—Marie Phillips, reporter

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The soul is dyed the color of the leisure hours.—Anonymous.



family devotions



MRS. F. W. GOFF, Mt. Vernon, Illinois

Memory Verse: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God," Colossians 3:1.

Monday, March 17
Scripture, John 11:1-45

Martha was in deepest grief and she told Jesus about it. How sweet to know that "the ear of the Lord is opened to the cry of the righteous"! Are you heavy-hearted? Tell Jesus about it. We learn by experience that He is our burden-bearer, that our strength is not sufficient for the task. He still calls, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Jesus did not say, "Martha, if you understand fully, you will see the glory of God." No, He remembers that our frame is but dust. He only asks that we believe. If we can but do this, then we, as Martha, will see the glory of God!

Pray that God in His infinite love and mercy will comfort those that are bereaved and give them strength and calmness from above.

Tuesday, March 18
Scripture, 1 John 3

What rapturous joy to know that we are members of the royal household—not guests but children. However, being a member of a family brings responsibilities. Yes, there are countless privileges to enjoy, but it would be well for us also to consider our duties. Christ went about doing good, and He is our example. Each day should find us busy about our Father's business.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will make us aware of our responsibilities and opportunities as God's children.

Wednesday, March 19
Scripture, Romans 12

A certain delegate to a large church convention kept raising objections to all proposals to action. Finally a friend said to him in irritation, "Now, Fred, get on the

positive side of something, even if it is only to move to open the windows." How often we see God's children on the negative side of life. Their speech, actions and even their thoughts bespeak of failure. Theirs is, indeed, a miserable lot. These things ought not to be. Aren't we heirs with Christ Jesus, sons and daughters of the King? Then let us live as such. He that holds the wealth of this world in His hand hath His eye upon us and has promised to withhold no good thing from them that walk upright.

Pray for a new vision and for zeal that we may be useful in God's vineyard.

Thursday, March 20
Scripture, Philippians 4:1-9

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things," Philippians 4:8. The Apostle Paul realized that real happiness and inner peace depend largely upon the mind. Someone has said, "Tell me what you think and I'll tell you what you are." We should train ourselves to think right. Expose ourselves to the best things in life. Take time to read God's Word. As you go about your duties, sing the old gospel hymns. Thus we are unconsciously transformed as we open our hearts to such influence. "Sow a thought, reap an act; Sow an act, reap a habit; Sow a habit, reap a character; Sow a character, reap a destiny."

Pray for grace to keep our hearts pure, our minds clean and our speech seasoned with love.

Friday, March 21
Scripture, Song of Solomon 2

Springtime, the time of awakening! Gone are the long winter days, the cold winds and dismal skies. Thank God for spring, for it is then our faith is renewed. From beneath the drift of last autumn's leaves, the early flowers spring forth; the

trees lifting their blossoms to a clear blue sky all speak anew of the resurrection. The promise of a risen Saviour seems sure and steadfast. "... Behold, it is I; be not afraid ... Because I live, ye shall live also ... I go to prepare a place for you, and ... I will come again and receive you unto myself." Ah, yes, the time of the singing of birds is come.

Pray earnestly for the many, many honest hearts that are still searching for the truth. May their eyes be opened that they may see the Risen Lord.

Saturday, March 22
Scripture, Psalm 139:23, 24

"... And lead me in the way everlasting." "Where He leads me, I will follow" are not words to be sung at worship service on Sunday morning and promptly forgotten on weekdays. God requires whole-hearted service. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Just as the soldier listens to the beat of the music and stays in perfect step, so shall we keep in perfect harmony, ears open to our leader.

Pray that all our steps will be ordered of the Lord, that in all our ways He will have His perfect way.



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